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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), CS
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP: SAN JOSE SCENARIO

FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

REF: STATE 039136 TOSEC 040070 (NOTAL)

1. FONMIN FACIO HAS INFORMED ME THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER SPOKE THIS MORNING TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA OF NICARAGUA WHO HAS DECIDED NOT TO COME TO SAN JOSE ON THE 24TH AFTER ALL. SOMOZA UNDERSTOOD THE GOCR NEED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE MEETING HERE IS FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS ONLY SINCE IT WAS CLEAR THAT NO OTHER PRESIDENTS WERE COMING. SOMOZA REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY THE PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA DECIDED NOT TO COME BUT COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE PRESIDENTS OF EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS ALSO DECLINED THE INVITATIONS. ACCORDING TO FACIO, THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ODUBER AND SOMOZA WAS CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY. THEY WILL TALK AGAIN
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LATER ABOUT RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

2. IN LIGHT OF SOMOZA'S DECISION, ODUBER AND FACIO HAVE DECIDED TO SUGGEST TO GENERAL TORRIJOS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO COME TO SAN JOSE DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT BUT TO SEND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER INSTEAD.

3. ALL OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE STILL EXPECTED. AS REPORTED IN SAN JOSE 0840, FONMIN MOLINA TOLD FACIO HE WOULD LIKE TO COME FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY, BUT FACES THE PROBLEM OF GETTING HOME IN TIME FOR SECRETARY'S STOP IN GUATEMALA. IF AMBASSADOR MELOY ACCOMPANIES MOLINA, HE WILL FACE THE SAME PROBLEM. DEPARTMENT AND SECRETARY'S PARTY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER OFFERING MOLINA AND AMBASSADOR MELOY A RIDE TO GUATEMALA ON THE SECRETARY'S PLANE, IN WHICH CASE OFFER SHOULD OF COURSE BE MADE SOONEST.

4. FACIO REPEATED TO ME (SAN JOSE 0764) THAT HE HAD ASSURED ALL FOREIGN MINISTERS EARLIER THAT THERE WOULD BE BILATERALS WITH THE SECRETARY. THIS ASSURANCE WAS OF COURSE GIVEN AT A TIME WHEN IT WAS EXPECTED THAT SOME PRESIDENTS WOULD ATTEND AND BILATERALS WOULD BE HELD WITH THEM; THEREFORE IT WOULD BE SIMPLY AN EXTENSION OF THIS COURTESY TO HOLD BILATERALS ALSO WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO WOULD BE REPRESENTING ABSENT PRESIDENTS. I THEREFORE APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION JUST RECEIVED (SECTO 4045) THAT BILATERALS WILL BE HELD WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS.

5. OTHER NEW DEVELOPMENT IS THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER HAS REQUESTED THAT THE SECRETARY MAKE A BRIEF STOP AT HIS RESIDENCE ENROUTE TO THE DINNER AT MY RESIDENCE (IN THE SAME AREA) ON MONDAY EVENING. WE WOULD LEAVE FACIO'S RECEPTION A LITTLE EARLY TO PERMIT THIS STOP. ODUBER WOULD THEN ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY ON TO THE DINNER. SINCE THIS WOULD BE A GESTURE OF COURTESY TO ODUBER AND WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH REST OF SCHEDULE OR IMPOSE ANY BURDENS, RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY AGREE AND WE BE SO ADVISED.

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6. IN LIGHT OF ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS, FACIO HAS PROPOSED FOLLOWING SLIGHTLY REVISED SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT WITH WHICH I CONCUR:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

5:20 P.M.: ARRIVE SAN JOSE. FACIO'S WORDS OF WELCOME AND SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT WILL BE

MADE ON THE TARMAK RATHER THAN INSIDE VIP LOUNGE.
THEN PROCEED TO HOTEL CARIARI.

7:30 - 8:15 P.M.: RECEPTION HOSTED BY FONMIN FACIO
IN CARIARI CLUB HOUSE. ANY OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS
WHO MAY HAVE ARRIVED BY THAT TIME WILL ALSO BE
INVITED, AS WILL U.S. AMBASSADORS.

8:20 P.M. PICK UP AT FRONT DOOR OF CLUB HOUSE FOR
TWENTY MINUTE DRIVE TO PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE.

8:40 - 8:50 P.M.: CALL ON PRESIDENT ODUBER ACCOMPANIED
BY FONMIN FACIO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND
AMBASSADOR TODMAN (NO INTERPRETER NEEDED).

9:00 P.M.: DINNER FOR SIX AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.
(THIS WILL SERVE AS BILATERAL WITH COSTA RICANS)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

8:30 A.M.: SHORT TOUR OF SAN JOSE, INCLUDING STOPS AT
NATIONAL THEATER, BINATIONAL CENTER AND FOREIGN
MINISTRY.

10:00 A.M.: BEGIN TWENTY TO THIRTY MINUTE BILATERAL
MEETINGS WITH VISITING FOREIGN MINISTERS IN FOLLOWING
ORDER:

FONMIN BORGONOVO, EL SALVADOR
FONMIN MOLINA, GUATEMALA
FONMIN PERDOMO, HONDURAS
FONMIN MONTIEL, NICARAGUA
FONMIN OZORES, PANAMA
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12:30 P.M.: PRESIDENT ODUBER'S BUFFET LUNCHEON
FOR SECRETARY, CENTRAL AMERICAN AND PANAMANIAN
FOREIGN MINISTERS AT CARIARI CLUB HOUSE. U.S.
AMBASSADORS WHO ARE HERE WILL BE INVITED.

2:30 P.M.: LEAVE CARIARI.

2:40 P.M.: ARRIVE AT AIRPORT VIP LOUNGE FOR
DELIVERY OF FAREWELL STATEMENT AND BRIEF PRESS
CONFERENCE.

3:00 P.M.: DEPART FOR GUATEMALA.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY (INFO ALL POSTS

CONCERNED) APPROVING ABOVE SCHEDULE.

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